

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/922,861

Examiner

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Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/16/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are claim 2 only now re-numbered claim 1.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is directed to an interleaving method for correcting short burst errors in a DVD. Independent claim 1 identifies the uniquely distinct features "when interleaving is performed such that every two ECC blocks are merged in a horizontal direction to form a new ECC block and the merged ECC blocks are grouped in units of two lines for interleaving, the predetermined interleaving rule satisfies the following formulae:

1) when $t=0$, $k=2m$, where $m=2t$

2) when $t=1, 2, \dots, 22$, $k=2m$, where $m=2t$

$k=2(m-1)+94$, where $m=2t-1$

3) when $t=23, 24, \dots, 45$, $k=2(m-45)+1$, where $m=2t-1$

$k=2(m-46)+93$, where $m=2t$

4) when $t=46, 47, \dots, 68$, $k=2(m-92)+2$, where $m=2t$

$k=2(m-91)+92$, where $m=2t-1$

5) when $t>69, 70, \dots, 90$, $k=2(m-137)+3$, where $m=2t-1$

$k=2(m-138)+95$, where $m=2t$

6) when $t=91$, $k=2(m-137)+3$, where $m=2t-1$.

wherein reference symbol 't' used in six equations of the above formulae, denotes a positive integer of greater than or equal to 91 inclusive of 0, m is let to be the index assigned before interleaving and k is let to be the index assigned after interleaving." The closest prior art, Kobayashi (US Pat. No. 6, 122, 764) either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

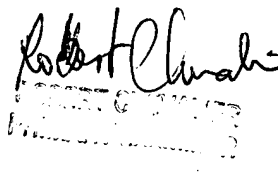
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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HELEN SHIBRU whose telephone number is (571) 272-7329. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MEHRDAD DASTOURI can be reached on (571) 272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Helen Shibru
March 4, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Chinahi", is written over a rectangular stamp. The stamp contains some illegible text and a date, possibly "MAR 6 2006".